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## Gauleiter for Vienna Denies He Knew Jews Were to Be Wiped Out

By the Associated Press

NUERNBERG, May 27.—Baldur von Schirach told the international military tribunal today he had joined in a plan to ship Jews from Vienna to the occupied East, but insisted he did not know they were to be exterminated.

During cross-examination of the onetime Hitler youth leader and Gauleiter for Vienna, the prosecution produced records of a conference between von Schirach and Hitler in 1940, during which the evacuation of 60,000 Jews from Austria was discussed.

The defendant has contended that he never participated in any way in acts against Jews.

"You knew the Jews in Vienna were to be sent to Minsk and Riga," Prosecutor Thomas J. Dodd declared, "and you knew what happened to the Jews there."

Von Schirach launched into a lengthy denial and Mr. Dodd interrupted to read a communication from Gestapo Chief Reinhard Heydrich informing Schirach's office that Riga's 29,000 Jews had been "reduced" to 2,500 and that 33,000 were shot in Minsk.

Schirach denied his youth organization had been connected with a plan to sap Russian strength by "kidnaping" thousands of children for transport to the Reich, using them for forced labor and destroying their power to "reproduce."

Thereupon Mr. Dodd introduced reports linking the defendant's office with the scheme.

"Do you know that the Allied authorities are still trying to find more than 10,000 of those youngsters?" Mr. Dodd shouted. Schirach said he did not.

**Rail Strike May Shorten Governors' Conference**

By the Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 27.—The possibility of shortening the national conference of governors because of program curtailments and reduced attendance, brought on by the railroad strike, was to be taken under consideration by the conference's executive committee today.

As the governors gathered for their opening session, Gov. Edward Martin of Pennsylvania, conference chairman, said the executive committee might order a program speeding up in order to complete proceedings by tomorrow night.

Twenty-eight governors either were present or known to be en route. Frank Bane, executive secretary of the conference, said total attendance might reach 30.

Although several addresses, including one by President Truman, were stricken from the program, Gov. Martin said proceedings probably would run through on an "approximately full schedule." Labor problems appeared certain to be one of the major topics.

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## Unofficial House Prober Checks Klan in Georgia

By the Associated Press

Representative Landis, Republican, of Indiana said last night an investigator of the House Committee on Un-American Activities will go to Atlanta, Ga., today to look into complaints of asserted Ku Klux Klan activities.

Mr. Landis said the investigator, whom he did not identify, was going on his own initiative and had no official instructions from the committee. Mr. Landis, a committee member, said the investigator would report back whether there was any basis for the complaints which would justify action.

Representative Rankin, Democrat, of Mississippi, acting chairman of the committee in the absence of Representative Wood, Democrat, of Georgia, said he had no knowledge of the investigator's trip and that the committee had ordered no action.

## D. C. Woman's Death Certified as Suicide

A certificate of suicide was issued yesterday by Deputy Coroner Richard Rosenberg in the death of Mrs. Ruth V. Burgin, 45, colored, of the

700 block of Hobart place N.W., who was found unconscious in the gas-filled kitchen of her home by her husband, William Burgin, early yesterday. Mrs. Burgin was pronounced dead at Gallinger Hospital a short time after she was discovered, police reported.

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